

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

LEIF KIRCHOFF, individually and as class)
representative,) CASE NO. C11-568Z
Plaintiff,)
MINUTE ORDER
v.)
WIPRO, INC., WIPRO TECHNOLOGIES,)
INC. and WIPRO, LTD, Delaware)
Corporations,)
Defendants.)

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge:

(1) Defendants' Motion for Protective Order, docket no. 21, is DENIED. Defendants Wipro, Inc. and Wipro, Ltd (collectively "Defendants") have not established good cause for obtaining a protective order. See Coopers & Lybrand v. Livesay, 437 U.S. 463, 469 n.12 (1978) (issues related to class certification often raise questions that are "intimately involved with the merits of the claims." (quoting 15 Charles A. Wright & Arthur R. Miller, Federal Practice & Procedure § 3911, at 485 n.45 (1976))); Gilman v. ER Solutions, Inc., No. C11-0806-JCC, Order at 4 (W.D. Wash. Feb. 3, 2012) (ordering precertification production of a class list because "[c]lass

01 certification cannot fairly be evaluated without information on whether [Defendant treated other
02 putative class members in the way in which Plaintiff was treated], and Plaintiffs have no way to
03 gather this information aside from the discovery requests [Defendant] opposes.”). Defendants are
04 hereby ORDERED to produce to Plaintiff an electronic list of all employees employed by
Defendants in the United States of America since April 4, 2008, complete with last known
addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, within thirty days of this Order.

05 (2) Plaintiff’s Motion for Order Extending Deadline for Filing Class Certification,
docket no. 30, is GRANTED. Plaintiff has established good cause for extending the deadline for
06 filing a class certification. Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that the deadline for filing a class
certification motion is extended to October 2, 2012. Without substantial justification, no further
07 extensions will be granted.

08 (3) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of record and
to Plaintiff pro se.

10 Filed and entered this 23rd day of May, 2012.

11 WILLIAM M. McCOOL, Clerk

12 s/ Claudia Hawney

13 By: _____

14 Claudia Hawney

Deputy Clerk